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WEEKLY WEATHER

Today:

Hi: 81

Lo: 57

Friday:

Partly Cloudy

Hi: 86

Lo: 65

Saturday:

Isolated T'storms

Hi: 75

Lo: 58

Sunday:

Showers

Hi: 76

Lo: 57

Monday:

Mostly Sunny

Hi: 76

Lo: 54

Tuesday:

Partly Cloudy

Hi: 75

Lo: 55

Wednesday:

Mostly Sunny

Hi: 80

Lo: 62

Pioneer Day gives glimpse into colonial life

BY RACHEL WRIGHT

LSUS students, community residents and faculty traveled back in time on Saturday, Oct. 18 at the Pioneer Heritage center.

The center's seventh annual Pioneer Day featured realistic demonstrations, living historians, folk musicians and period-dressed story-tellers. All presented spectators with a glimpse into the life and culture of Northwest Louisianians from the 1830s to the end of the 19th century.

Volunteer Martha Anderson entertained children on the porch of the Caspiana House with legendary folk tales, as their parents enjoyed the West's Battery 1860 artillery drill — complete with a cannon firing.

Blacksmith demonstrator Michael Baker has been participating in the annual folk event for four years. Baker, a master



KEVIN GASPARD

Pioneer Day, held on Saturday, Oct. 18 at the Pioneer Heritage Center, included a cannon demonstration.

blacksmith and LSUS graduate, has been fashioning steel since 1989.

"Though this is just a hobby for me now, I used to make a living with this trade," said Baker. "I

still fashion architectural and ornamental pieces. I make a good product, though they're expensive."

Jean Speed, a volunteer and third-year participant, said she

was pleased to see the community express interest in Louisiana heritage, the PHC and its preservation.

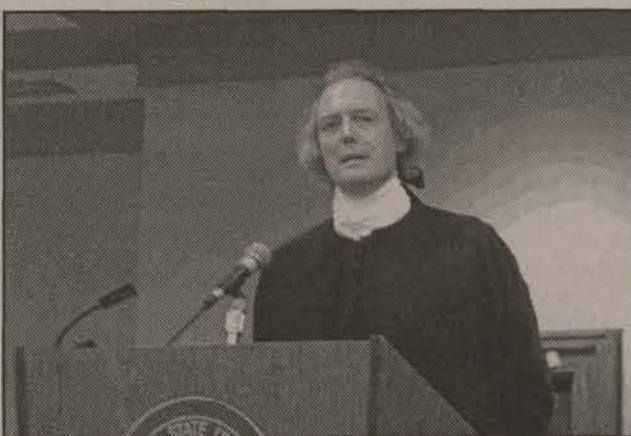
"Usually I'm a character," Speed said. "This year, though, I'm collecting the admission fee, but I don't mind. I am very proud of our success. Our volunteers are knowledgeable and dedicated, and they really make this day great."

In addition to the annual event, Speed said the PHC also conducts daily tours in period dress. The admission fee and other public and private donations go to preserve and repair the PHC's collection of buildings.

"Right now, we're trying to collect enough money to purchase pews for our newest building, the Riverfront Mission," said Speed. "It was donated by the First Baptist Church of Shreve-

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Jefferson-Lincoln forum brings scholars to LSUS



KEVIN GASPARD

William Barker, a Jefferson impersonator from Colonial Williamsburg, spoke at the forum.

BY BO WELLBORN

LSUS is the first university in the south to hold a presidential conference, dating back to a conference on Abraham Lincoln in 1992, Theodore Roosevelt in 1995, George Washington in

1998 and one on America at the third century in 2000.

This year's Jefferson Conference was multi-disciplinary, and had more than 60 scholars from universities across the United States, Finland, England, Italy, Ghana, India and Argenti-

na.

"This conference reached all barriers around the world," said William Pederson, political science professor.

The Jefferson Conference is the only presidential conference in the United States that uses Lincoln as the standard against which to judge presidential performance. "Abraham Lincoln, sixteenth president, is ranked our most influential and well respected president of all," said Pederson. "On top of that, Lincoln is the most democratic leader written on the entire world."

Highlights of the three-day conference were the appearance of William Barker, a Jefferson actor from Colonial Williamsburg who both looks and sounds like Jefferson. He is an expert on Jef-

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SAB finalizes Fall Fest plans

BY DANA BRIAN

Students who enjoy campus activities do not have to wait much longer for one of the largest campus events of the semester. Fall Fest, an annual LSUS tradition, is a two-day event held each fall that provides entertainment for the students, faculty and staff on campus. This year's Fall Fest will be held on Thursday, Oct. 30 and Friday, Oct. 31.

On Thursday, Fall Fest activities begin at 10 a.m. with a student organization fair. During this fair, student organizations will have booths set up to promote their organizations by selling food or other items.

On Thursday night, at 7:30 p.m. there will be a "Movie on the Mall." This year's movie will be "Sleepy Hollow," starring Johnny Depp and Heather Graham. The movie will be shown in the University Center Mall area, weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, the movie will be shown inside the UC. During the movie, free popcorn and soda will be served to those who attend.

Friday's Fall Fest activities will kick off at 10 a.m. A free lunch of barbeque shish kabobs will be served to students with LSUS IDs, and \$1

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From the Editor

Believe it or not, the semester is already halfway over. Registration for the spring semester begins Nov. 3, and as the editor, I feel it's a part of my job to remind all of the procrastinators out there to make out your schedule and sign up for advising. I know a lot of people think that the process of advising is a hassle, but it is only there to help you. You could be taking a class that you don't even need or be missing something that you don't realize you do need. Or, you could be a few hours short of getting a minor in something. Your adviser is there to point those things out to you.

Some departments require you to see your adviser before you can register, and you're blocked from the system until they clear you. But even if your major doesn't require you to, talk to your adviser and make sure that you are on the right path to graduation. I always bombard my adviser with questions about my schedule, but that's what she is there for. See your adviser! Don't waste your time and money on some class that won't even help you with your degree.

—Candice

Corrections

Mary "Jessica" Beech, the secretary in the Louisiana Consortium of Insurance in the College of Business Administration was not the author of last week's "letter to the editor."

Apparently, another Mary Beech wrote it.

Also, we spelled "week" as "wek" in last week's corrections, and we feel really dumb now.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Recently, I traveled to north Louisiana to share what I knew about the voting record of a state senator with his constituents. Many were shocked, and on election day a majority of voters concluded that he should be replaced. Political pundits have suggested that illuminating his voting record on a bill calling for the posting of America's National Motto, In God We Trust, contributed to his defeat. However, because of antiquated Louisiana Senate record-keeping procedures, the task of proving this vote required considerable effort as an audio tape recording of the committee hearing had to be made to demonstrate how the senators voted. This should not be so.

The Louisiana House of Representatives, thanks in part to former Speaker Hunt Downer, instituted an Internet system that allows for easy access to committee testimony, floor debate and votes. The Committee hearings and the chamber debate is archived on the House Web Systems so that they may be viewed even after the Session.

The same is not the case for the Senate. Of the

six committee rooms on the Senate side, only three even have video capability so that you can watch the live video of the committee meetings. In other words, interested citizens or the media who want to know what is going on have only a 50/50 chance of seeing the debate unless they drive to Baton Rouge. Moreover, even if you are lucky enough to have the committee of your interest meet in one of the committee rooms that has video feed, you must catch it "live" as the Senate does not archive the recordings of its committee meetings. Even more disappointing is the fact that the Senate does not archive the meetings in the chamber when bills receive full debate.

Sunshine is still the best disinfectant, and an informed electorate is the greatest assurance that our elected representatives will act responsibly and in the public interest. Concerned citizens should insist that the Louisiana Senate follow the lead of the Louisiana House of Representatives and provide for easy access to committee testimony, floor debates and votes.

—Judge Darrell White (retired)

Crime Blotter



On Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 2:45 a.m., Campus Police responded to a call heard over the police scanner regarding a domestic dispute at the University Court Apartments. Upon arrival, it was discovered that the Shreveport Police Department was already on the scene and in the process of escorting an 18-year-old black male off the property. The man was there visiting his girlfriend when she asked him to leave. After the man refused to leave the apartment, the SPD was called by the resident, and arguing ensued. However, when asked to leave the property by the police, the man did so without any problem.

Sex and the Campus

What is love and what does it do?

BY BO WELLBORN

Who wants to be that basket case on the side of the street, crying because her two-week boyfriend broke up with her because she said the three words we guys can't stand to hear? What is love? Why can't we all just co-habitate? Is there

such a thing as falling out of love? Who does that? How can you be so "in-love" one day and then one day fall out. And what is that... "falling out?" What do you "fall out" of? I know there are some who fall out of buildings over love, but those are generally the ones scorned by love, not those

falling out of love. If you had a choice whether to love or not to, what would you choose?



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Knowledge is best weapon to prevent sexual assault

BY KIMBERLY CHESTER

Could you be a future victim of a sexual assault? Would you know what to do if you were in a forceful situation? Rape is not inevitable. There are several ways to prevent you from becoming the next victim of a sexual assault. The circulation of "date rape" drugs is larger than ever before, which means the odds of rape are also raised in many cases.

Two weeks ago, a young woman was sexually assaulted outside of a popular nightclub in downtown Shreveport. Ketamine had unknowingly been slipped into the woman's drink. Ketamine is a date rape drug that is also known as Special K, Ket, Vitamin K, and Super C on the streets. Ketamine can distort one's sense of balance, time judgment and ability to communicate, cause blurred vision, numbness, disorientation, trembling, hallucinations, amnesia and loss of consciousness. These can last for up to four to six hours and not fully wear off until after 48 hours.

"The dangers of sexual assault and date rape drugs are real," said Sheri Soulie, counselor-in-training at the YWCA Sexual Assault Center. "They are not just numbers. They are real people, with real pain, and

who have real attackers."

Soulie, an LSUS alumnus, explained that when women come to the center, there are many factors that the counselors must consider. The victim's emotional state is the most important.

"The women who come to us are sometimes very fragile, and it is our goal to build up their confidence and overall emotional state," said Soulie. "That is a big step in the recovery and healing process."

But there are other options for today's women on how to protect themselves against sexual assault. In a study by Dr. Mahmoud ElSohly, alcohol was by far the most common drug found in a study of urine samples taken from 578 rape victims. Two hundred and eight contained alcohol, 93 contained marijuana, 40 contained cocaine, 32 contained GHB and 5 contained Rohypnol.

Some of the most common date rape drugs in circulation are Rohypnol, also known as "roofies," "roach," or "mind erasers," Gamma-hydroxybutyrate, known as GHB, "liquid ecstasy," and "liquid X" and Ketamine. All of these drugs are odorless, tasteless and undetectable. But a coaster has been formulated that can detect these powerful drugs by simply

taking a drop of a drink and putting it on the coaster. If the coaster turns blue, then the cocktail has been drugged. The coasters are set to be released for sale in December. They can be found at Circle K and Chevron stores for 40 cents a coaster.

Another way to prevent becoming a victim is to take a self-defense course specifically designed to prevent sexual attackers and predators. The Caddo Sheriff's Department offers a Self Defense for Women class. It is a four-hour self-defense training seminar that provides the basic tactics and maneuvers for women to protect themselves from becoming victims of sexual violence. For more information on the training seminar, contact the Caddo Sheriff's Department at 797-1935.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual assault, the YWCA holds a Rape Recovery Group meeting every Monday from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the YWCA Club Room in Shreveport at 710 Travis Street, or call 222-2116.

For more information on sexual assault, visit the Office of Student Activities for informational brochures, or contact the LSUS Counseling Center at 797-5365.

Dating Doctor to bring love remedies to LSUS

BY TASHA HICKS

Ever wonder why women go to the restroom in pairs? Or wonder why a guy says he'll call and then doesn't? Need a little relationship advice? David Coleman, internationally known as the "Dating Doctor," can help and is coming to campus to do just that.

The Office of Student Activities and the Student Activities Board has invited David Coleman to speak to students about relationships. "It's something we have not touched on before in programming," said Mollie Schmelzer, technical services coordinator. The event will begin at 7 p.m. tonight in the University Center Theatre.

Coleman will engage in candid conversations with audience members, going over the 15 basic principles of relationships. The presentation is meant to be interactive, not a lecture. Audience members can ask the Dating Doctor questions regarding relationships, leadership, character and team building.

For over 18 years, David Coleman has been examining relationships in his audiences. He will answer random questions about men, women and life. Nine-time na-



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David Coleman will be in the UC tonight at 7 p.m.

tional speaker of the year, Coleman brings serious subjects to life with stories and audience participation. "He is someone worth bringing to campus for our students, not only because of the topics he touches on, but the way he presents it," said Schmelzer.

Coleman has written several books, videos and CD's, such as "Making Relationships Matter: Nine Ways to Stay in Love for Life," "Building Blocks to Better Relationships" and "Prescriptions for Life and Relationships." The event is free and open to everyone. The Student Activities Board will serve cookies and punch before the show.

Drop deadline approaches

BY MELISSA INGRAM

Dropping a class can be either easy or difficult. There are certain stipulations that go along with making sure a class is dropped and the correct process has been followed. From the day classes begin, students must decide to either remain in a class or drop it. Some students may want to drop the course because they are unable to handle the work load, and others may just want to wait and take it in a future semester.

Twelve hours classify someone as a full-time student; additional classes are at each student's discretion. According to the LSUS 2002-2003 Catalog, a full time students' normal schedule ranges between 12 and 19 hours. The maximum load is 21 hours, but a student who wants to take more than 19 hours has to maintain a grade point average of 3.0 in order to do so.

Some students go into a semester thinking they can handle more than the required amount of classes, only to find out as the semester progresses they are unable to do so.

Less than a month after school has started, students have the option of dropping a class or resigning without receiving a

grade of "W," or withdrawal, on their transcript. According to the catalog, no record is maintained of courses dropped during the first three weeks of the semester.

No matter what the reason for dropping a class, each student has his/her own reasons. Kathi Bernbrich, a sophomore public relations major and a transfer student from Germany, dropped her mass communications class to replace it with a Spanish class. Her reason for dropping the course was her desire to learn Spanish. She dropped the class in the first week of the semester in order to avoid any problems.

Sara Sullivan, a senior public relations major, dropped her philosophy class because she needed to cut back on the school work load and because of other responsibilities she has to juggle along with school.

Oct. 31 is the last day a student can drop a class. Betty Taylor, the executive secretary of Academic Affairs, encourages students to pay close attention to dates because it can be a hassle afterwards.

Students who need to drop a class should do so soon, because time is running out. For more information, consult the LSUS catalog.

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SPORTS

Rec Sports sponsors Madden Football Challenge

BY NEIL CASSARD

Oct. 16 at 10:35 a.m. in the University Center Art Gallery, 16 men met on a digital football field to play for the ultimate prize. The event: the Rec Sports Madden Challenge. The prize: a copy of Madden NFL Football 2004.

Bryan Schmidt, the student activities coordinator for Rec Sports



and organizer of the Madden Challenge, said that the Madden Challenge is a great, cost effective way to get students together to have a good time. As well as the 16 registered gamers, there are also several alternates, and the event drew quite a crowd of spectators. He also said he would like Rec Sports to host more video game tournaments this year, and in the future, he would like to have video game tournaments

for basketball, NCAA football and non-sport related games such as Halo.

The four television sets used for the Madden Challenge were borrowed from the Department of Continuing Education and the Department of Student Activities. The PlayStation II's and the copies of Madden NFL Football 2003 were on loan from Student Activities student workers. This allowed the Madden Challenge to not only fight boredom, but also be easy on the Rec Sports pocketbook. Contestants could sign up online at the Rec Sports Web site, or by going by the Rec Sports office.

Last week's playoffs ran later

than expected, resulting in some students skipping class. The tournament has three stages of elimination, the first of which was held on Oct. 16. The second was held Tuesday, Oct. 21, and the final showdown between the two semi-finalists will be held today. The champion will be awarded the copy of Madden NFL Football 2004.

John Brunson, a business major, won his first game 10 to 7, playing for the Kansas City Chiefs. Brunson said that he was a kicker on his football team in high school, and although his favorite team is the New Orleans Saints, he wouldn't want to play the Madden Challenge with

them. Brunson said that he has been playing Madden NFL Football for a few years, but this is the first tournament he has ever played in.

For more information on upcoming video game tournaments or other events offered by Rec Sports, visit the Office of Student Activities on the second floor of the UC, or check their Web site at <http://www.lsus.edu/osa/recsports.htm>.

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AMACC plans bash

BY TASHA HICKS

Interested in Marketing? The American Marketing Association Collegiate Chapter at LSUS is hosting a Mad Marketer's Bash today during common hour in BE 391. The event is designed to encourage those in or interested in marketing to learn more about the marketing field and to network with different marketers. The AMACC is an organization dedicated to helping future marketers network and learn more about the field. The organization also helps individuals plan for a future career in marketing.

Recent LSUS marketing graduates will be on-hand at the bash to talk about their experiences and answer questions. "This is an event where marketers get together and learn about the marketing field," said Sandy Jones, AMACC President. The event will take on a Halloween theme, and Halloween

treats and door prizes will be handed out. The event is open to all LSUS students.

Members of AMACC have access to a number of marketing resources, from publications that keep updates on the latest trends in the market to newsletters that feature articles of recent college graduates, industry updates and career development.

Members are also granted access to the AMACC resource center on their Web site, which has a career center that offers job postings, résumé assistance and helpful articles. "The organization helps business majors network with each other both educational and professional," said Jones.

Students interested in joining the AMACC can e-mail the organization at lsusama@yahoo.com, or visit the chapter board located on the first floor of the Business Education building.

of Student Activities, is excited about the upcoming Fall Fest activities and is looking forward to what the Student Activities Board has planned for the two-day event. "We have a new SAB, and they are wanting to try new things," he said.

Fall Fest T-shirts will be sold Thursday and Friday for \$3 each with a student ID. All of the activities sponsored during Fall Fest were paid for by the Student Activities Fee.

For more information about Fall Fest, contact the Office of Student Activities at 797-5393, or visit them on the second floor of the University Center, room 232.

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beer will be available for students 21 and up. Also on Friday, there will be inflatable activities for the students to enjoy. There will be a Velcro wall and laser tag, among other novelties.

Friday night, LSUS will host a trick-or-treating event. The event will be open to the community and is a chance for families in the area to come and enjoy the Halloween festivities in a safe environment. Free candy will be given out and the inflatable attractions will be on hand once again.

Brian Hirsch, acting director

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Waves of change



SGA examines lighting in interior campus mall

BY N. J. McMICHAEL

SGA has come up with quite a few proposals to "better" the student body, but none of these proposals have been put into action. Many have been thrown out because they were under-researched or unneeded.

The SGA meeting on Thursday, Oct. 16 began with no report from President Brad Craft, a few "thank yous" from Vice President Lacey Spencer and no report from Secretary Tiffany Johnson.

The first thing discussed was a proposal to increase lighting in the middle of campus that was brought up at the previous meeting. It was a concern of Johnson's that it is unsafe to walk to the computer lab after dark.

However, it was discovered that there are in fact lights in the mall area, and a request to Michael Ferrell, vice chancellor of business affairs, to have those lights turned on is all that is needed. Johnson will make the request sometime this week, and then will decide if the lights, once they are turned on, are safe enough for the student body.

The next proposal was to decrease the Student Activities fee from \$90 to \$20 during the summer terms. However, much of the revenue for student activities comes from students from other universities attending LSUS for the summer.

The budget for that fee was purposefully spread out over three semesters, including the summer term. Each student organization would have to deal with an approximate 20-percent cut in their budgets, if this proposal were to pass.

Also, since fees are approved by the state, the SGA can't make any changes to them.

After the discussion, a suggestion was made to the President of the Student Activities Board, Audrey Moore, that they should plan more events during the summer. Moore

took the suggestion to heart and voiced her concern for the SAB's lack of creativity.

"We can do events in the summer, but we want people to come to the events we hold and we also want to know what you guys want us to do," said Moore. "We need new ideas."

The larger part of the SGA meeting was spent complaining about the Academic Enhancement Fee increase, the discussion led by a heated Spencer.

While each complaint was strongly refuted and clarified by Dr. Gloria Raines, SGA adviser and vice chancellor of student affairs, a few members refused to accept that they must pay for athletic scholarships.

"So, you're saying that I'm paying for these new people to come play basketball? Can't I at least wait and see if they do well?" voiced a concerned Spencer.

Raines explained the increase of the fee was the fault of the state of Louisiana, not LSUS. Because of the Louisiana constitution, the only budgets that the state is allowed to cut when they need money are higher education and charity hospitals. Therefore, LSUS and other universities in the state get money taken away.

Before, the universities would raise tuition to cover the budget cuts, until the government passed a bill saying that tuition could not be raised without Senate consent.

The solution that has been raised to avoid timely government intervention is to raise money through fees, such as the Academic Enhancement Fee, the Technology Fee and the Athletic Fee, which students are required to pay each semester.

Nearing the end of the meeting, nominations were made for President pro tempore, who will take over should something happen to either Craft or Spencer. That will be voted on at the meeting held today at 10:30 a.m. in the Webster Room of the UC.

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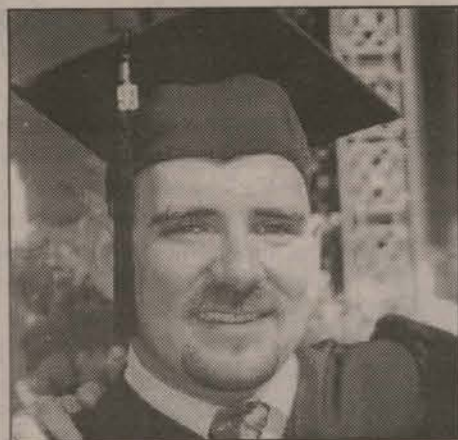


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Alumnus left great impact on College of Liberal Arts



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Eric McKinney, LSUS alumnus, died recently. McKinney was active in the College of Liberal Arts.

BY LYNN WALFORD

Eric Gregory McKinney
April 17, 1970 - September 9, 2003

LSUS has lost one of its best and brightest. Eric McKinney graduated cum laude in 1999 with a Bachelor's Degree in English and a minor in Spanish.

He was an active member of the campus community and was well known in the College of Liberal Arts for his enthusiasm and outspokenness on any number of issues. Eric was a member of two prestigious honor societies: Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Sigma Iota. He also served as vice president of the International Club and was appointed by Dean Knighten to serve as student representative on the Technology Fee Committee.

While he was at LSUS, Eric became, in many ways, the heart and soul of the Foreign Language Lab. When the department received a grant to upgrade the lab's computers, Eric gave generously of his time and technical expertise to make sure the hardware and software ran smoothly.

In addition, he was a willing and patient Spanish tutor: students who were struggling with the language always knew they could count on him for help. His classmate and fellow English major, J. C. Macek, remembers Eric with these words: "He was the sort of man who was proud in his search for knowledge down to the most minute detail, but he never forgot his friends, and would have done anything for us."

Eric was born into a large family from Emory, Texas, and often talked about his four sisters and two brothers. His sister Cammi said, "Eric was outspoken about issues that were really important to him his entire life and wasn't afraid to stand up to anyone, even his family, when defending his opinions."

After graduating from LSUS, Eric

returned to his home state and received his teacher's certification in Spanish from UT-Tyler. He was teaching Spanish at Carthage High School in Carthage, Texas, when he became ill.

Eric died on Sept. 9 and will be greatly missed by those of us — professors and fellow students — who were fortunate enough to know him.

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BCM raises money for mission trip

BY MARTHA DURHAM

The members of Baptist Collegiate Ministries washed cars all day Saturday, Oct. 18, to raise money for their mission trip to New York City in December. The members who are going on the trip arrived at Remax Real Estate on Youree Drive at 8 a.m. for the fundraiser. They continued washing well into the afternoon.

Tiffany Armond, student head of missions at BCM and a sophomore biology major, said half the money from the car wash will go toward summer mission trips. The rest of the money will be split among the students who washed cars and plan to go to New York.

Members of BCM are going to New York City Dec. 13-20. They will be traveling with a group from LSU-Baton Rouge, and they are planning on taking three chartered buses.

LSUS has more than 30 names on the list for the mission trip. LSU has 150 students signed up. The deadline for making the first payment of \$50 was Oct. 17.

The entire trip costs \$300 per student. Most of the money will be raised through fundraising, such as the car wash.

Armond said the students will be working in several different areas when they get to New York City. They will go to hospi-

tals and do puppet and fire house ministries.

"We're going to go to the different colleges up there," she said. This will give the students a chance to minister to fellow college students.

On their mission trip to New York City last Christmas, members of the BCM were able to give to gifts to children on the street. Tammy Doyle, a student at BPCC, traveled with BCM to New York last year. She shared with the BCM at their Tuesday night meeting that people in New York noticed the happiness the students had as they gave away gifts. She said it was a blessing to be able to influence someone's life.

The BCM is also collecting old cell phones and used ink cartridges. A company has agreed to give them a certain amount of money for each item.

If LSUS students want to donate cell phones or ink cartridges to help this effort, they can drop the items off at the BCM office.

Although the deadline for registration has passed, there may still be a chance to go to New York City. If all of the spots on the three chartered buses are not taken, more students may be allowed to go. Armond suggests checking with the BCM periodically to see if there are any openings.

act with scholars on some 17 panels that dealt with most aspects of Jefferson's life, era and legacy.

Pederson said he was impressed that LSUS is now able to attract scholars not only from across the nation, but also from abroad, who are willing to pay their way to come to Shreveport and pay a conference registration fee, just to speak on campus.

Pederson also said that because of the wide-spread support from LSUS, as well as the local community and the scholars outside of Louisiana, the series will continue in 2006 with a three-day conference on another Southern president, James Madison.

tions and interviewing the historians," said Basse.

"My students, like most children, retain information better when it's presented in a more concrete manner. The demonstrations, the costumes, and the music are all so wonderful and realistic. I hope my kids are able to appreciate the complex lives their ancestors led," she said.

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person and spoke at a dinner for the participants and supporters of LSUS and again the next morning. Also, Frank J. Williams, Chief Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court and international authority on Lincoln, delivered the annual Lincoln lecture. He spoke about civil liberties during the Jefferson and Lincoln administration.

In addition to these special sessions, the conference was broken down into simultaneous sessions in smaller rooms so the audience got the chance to inter-

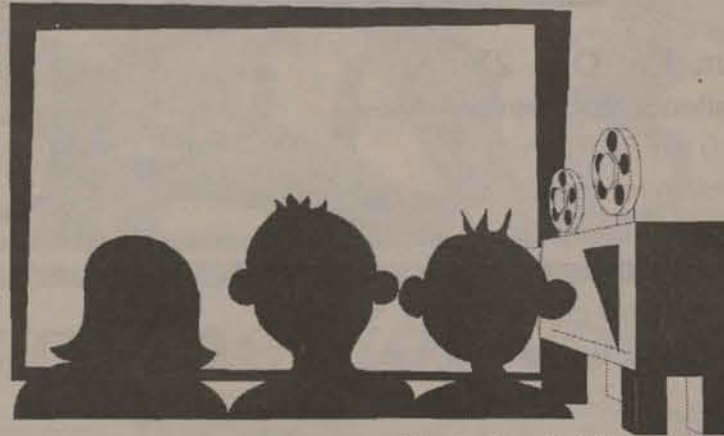
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port, and it was originally used as a chapel during World War II."

Cheryl Basse, a sixth-grade teacher at Haughton Middle School, attended the folk-life event to incorporate the information into some of her lectures.

"I'm videoing the demonstra-

Jason's Flick Picks



BY JASON LIMERICK

"Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle"

I liked the first "Charlie's Angels." It wasn't "Citizen Kane" mind you, but it knew that it was a guilty pleasure and it came off as a lot of fun, never taking itself too seriously. The problem with the sequel is not that it messed up that recipe, it's just that it doesn't have the quality ingredients the first one had. The movie is directed by McG and stars Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore, Lucy Liu, Demi Moore and Bernie Mac. The problems here are bountiful. Well, let's do the list: 1. It's not funny. Almost all the jokes misfire and come off canned and stale. I was expecting a laugh track at any minute. Bernie Mac, who I think is hilarious, does the best he can with what he's given, but it's weak at best. 2. The chemistry between the girls has changed. In the first movie, they seemed fresh and fun, and you wanted to laugh with them. This time they come off like the three super-popular cheerleaders in high school who were great to look at, but nobody liked. They break into giggle sessions constantly and just seem pretentious. 3. The action is not really exciting. The fights are full of half-ass wire work and silly stunts that are so beyond possible, like Demi Moore flying across your screen with wings

while the Angels follow her Spider-man style on some Christmas lights, that even if you suspend belief as far as you can you can't help but sigh at how silly they are. 4. The effects suck. Everything is CG here and not the good CG like the plastic, fake-looking effects where it looks like a bunch of action figures in stop motion. Overall I'd say this movie was a definite skip. It grated my nerves from start to finish, with the constant dance numbers and cameos, and I think this may turn out to be a real franchise killer.

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"28 Days Later"

I've never been a big horror fan. I mean I like the classics, "Texas Chainsaw Massacre," "The Exorcist," "The Shining." You know, the good stuff. My problem with the genre is simply that it's been done to death. It seems every week you've got some someone-killed-me-in-an-awful-way-so-I'm-coming-back-a-ghost-or-monster-or-whatever-that-only-some-kid-can-see-to-kill-hot-young-teens-fresh-off-the-WB type of deal. And that gets old. Maybe that's why I liked "28 Days Later" so much. Directed by Danny Boyle ("Trainspotting") and starring new comer Cillian Murphy, "28 Days Later" breathes much needed new life into the horror flick. The story centers on Jim,

who awakens from a coma to find the world deserted and goes on a search for other life —only to find that a deadly virus that changes people into murderous "zombies" has been unleashed, and there are only a few like him left. Jim hooks up with a small group of survivors and tries to find a way out, while not contracting the virus or getting caught by the infected. The movie is shot entirely on digital video which gives it a grainy, home movie kind of feel, which I liked. It takes away that glossy Hollywood feel and sets an eerie tone for the film. The movie is well acted and visionary in its direction. There are some genuinely terrifying moments, and the infected never come off as cheesy or fake. It works without the benefit of huge effects or big Hollywood money. I would recommend this movie to anyone from film lovers to movie goers, just not the kids.

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Jason's off the scale, must see, all time classics

"Glengary Glenross"

Now, this is a hard one to explain to people because the first question I get is, "What is it about?" Well to be honest, it's really only about a bunch of real estate salesmen who have a bad night. Doesn't that sound boring? Well, do me a favor and just watch a few minutes. If you can get to the scene with Alec Baldwin and you're not captivated, then I don't know what to tell you. This is the World Series of acting, with Alec Baldwin, Alan Arkin, Jonathan Price, Jack Lemmon, Kevin Spacey, Ed Harris and Al Pacino all at the top of their games. The reason I love this movie the most though, is it's so quotable. The most amazing dialogue you'll ever hear. It's a true classic.

ENCORE PERFORMANCES

"A Lesson Before Dying"

University Center Theatre

Friday, Oct. 24

Saturday, Oct. 25

Sunday, Oct. 26

8 p.m.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, Oct. 23

National Mole Day

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

SGA meeting

10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

SSS 3rd year - GROUP 2 - Networking

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

SSS 2nd year - Making Relationships Matter

Video Game Tournament

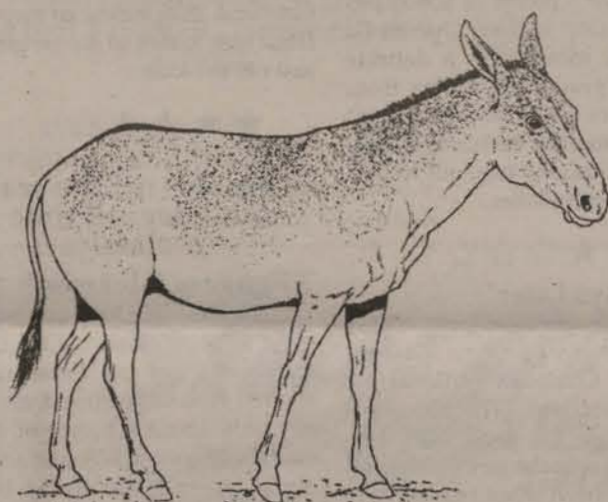
Friday, Oct. 24

National United Nations Day

SSS 3rd year - Resume & Cover letter

"A Lesson Before Dying" Encore

8 p.m.



Saturday, Oct. 25

National Cartoonists

Against Crime Day

7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

American Walk for Diabetes

"A Lesson Before Dying" Encore

8 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 26

National Mule Day

Zeta Tau Alpha; 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Phi Mu; 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Sigma Nu; 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

"A Lesson Before Dying" Encore

8 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 27

National Cranky Co-workers Day

National Make A Difference Day

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Delta Sigma Theta

4 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Zeta Tau Alpha

5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Phi Mu

7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Sigma Nu

Tuesday, Oct. 28

Bring Your Jack-O-Lantern to Work Day

10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

SSS 1st year - Career Explorations

10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

SSS 1st year - How Not to Blow Your TOPS

Wednesday, Oct. 29

International Internet Day

12 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

SSS 2nd year - Strategies for the Burntout Student

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 30

Devil's Night

Haunted Refrigerator Day

10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

SGA meeting

Phi Eta Sigma meeting

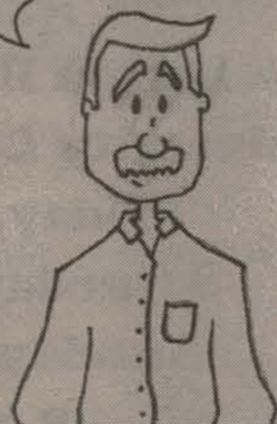
Fall Fest

AUTOPILOTS

Hi, I'm a little concerned about this new fee we're being charged. It seems a little weird to me.



Well we are always happy to help a student. Show me just what the problem is and I'll see if I can help.



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Navigation
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Social
Campus
Recreation and
Equivelant
Welfare of
Educators
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Ya see what I mean. That aint right.

I can assure you sir that it is for the benefit of the students and the university.

